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SUBJECT: DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: RESETTLEMENT OF PROTECTED CUBAN AND HAITIAN MIGRANTS

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¶1. (SBU) Embassy understands the importance of the resettlement of protected Cuban and Haitian migrants presently at Guantanamo Naval Base and will offer all appropriate assistance. The Dominican Republic is in the midst of a government transition and inauguration day for the new administration is seven weeks off. President-elect Leonel Fernandez has not yet named any of his cabinet choices.

¶2. (SBU) Embassy is in regular contact with leaders of Fernandez's transition team and will raise this request with them at the first opportunity. However, they will not be in a position to reply until after inauguration day, August 16.

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